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'RANCHERO' FEVER GRIPS CITY

Knight to Name Torrance Judge During August

Appointment of a third judge for the South Bay Municipal Court to serve the new Torrance branch of the court will be made next month, city officials were informed this week.

The appointment, to be made by Governor Goodwin J. Knight, will bring the South Bay Judicial staff to three judges—two in the Redondo Beach court, and one in Torrance.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace, prime mover in securing approval of the new court branch here, has asked the city to investigate the possibility of establishing a courtroom in the city council chambers until such a time as the new municipal courthouse is built on the city's civic center.

"I'm certain that such an arrangement could be made," City Manager George Stevens reported to the council. He was authorized to go ahead with plans for such a move.

3 Nabbed for Phone Booth Burglaries

A Torrance man is one of a trio picked up on suspicion of burglarizing telephone pay stations throughout the South Bay area, according to sheriff's deputies.

Booked on suspicion of burglary after \$129 in small change and a crowbar were found in their car were John Andrew Miller, 21, 26110 Delos Dr.; James Vincent Mandella, 26, and Franklin Anthony Mandella, 18, both of Gardena.

Deputies stopped the car near 161st and Hawthorne Ave. Tuesday night, after noting that it matched the description of one seen near a burglarized pay phone in Inglewood shortly before.

The officers noted that a crowbar sticking out from underneath the front seat and in the back seat, they found \$129 in pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters, wrapped in a brown work shirt.

The Mandella brothers both are on parole for other offenses.

Officers said they believed the trio may have been involved in a series of phone booth burglaries throughout the area for the past few months.

Camera Stolen

Someone took a \$150 camera and a \$10 swimsuit out of her car as it was parked in front of 1952 Pacific Coast Hwy. Sunday, Dess Marie Morris, Hawthorne, told sheriff's deputies.

Gunman Escapes With \$2266.20

A gunman escaped with \$2266.20 Tuesday in a daring holdup at the Certi-Bond store at 501 S. Arlington Ave.

Police were searching today for the bandit who pulled a gun on a credit clerk and escaped with five white canvas bank bags containing checks, cash and negotiable coupons.

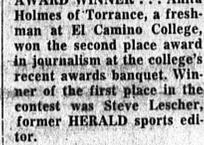
Grotesquely disguised, the suspect wore flesh-colored plastic band aids over his eyes, on his face and across his nose. He escaped in a 1955 4-door Dodge which was red and black and driven by a second suspect.

The credit clerk told police the man entered the store before it was opened to the public through an unlocked fire door and pulled the gun.

Placing the gun against the clerk's stomach, he said: "Get in there where the safe is—I hope you know the combination, but it should be open."

The suspect, who committed the robbery, was described as a white male, 5' 6-7", 150-160 lbs.

No description was available for the driver of the car.



AWARD WINNER . . . Anita Holmes of Torrance, a freshman at El Camino College, won the second place award in journalism at the college's recent awards banquet. Winner of the first place in the contest was Steve Lescher, former HERALD sports editor.

Rubbish Bills Set for Mail Next Month

First rubbish collection bills will arrive at Torrance residences about Aug. 15, according to City Manager George Stevens.

Billing will be done through the Water Department, at least temporarily, and the bills will be the postal card type now used by the city department.

The billing will be done separately from the water billing and householders will receive two bills—one for water and the other for rubbish collection.

The enlarged rubbish collection program is the result of the county's ban on burning of combustible rubbish, which goes into effect Oct. 1.

Single family residences will be billed at the rate of \$1 per month.

Man Breaks Stitches in Arm as He Changes Tire

Wallace Cameron Sweat, 18823 Fonthill, was changing a tire at Anza Ave. and Imperial Hwy., when he apparently broke stitches from a recent operation. He was reported in good condition.

YOUNGSTER HIT BY CAR

Three-year-old Emma Allendorf of Pomona was injured in pedestrian-auto accident here Tuesday afternoon.

Driver of the car, Gerald Lloyd Coleman, 2182 W. 235th St., was traveling west on 235th and told police he did not see the child dart out into the street.

According to official reports, the youngster had been playing on the sidewalk and ran out into the street between parked cars.

The child was taken to a private doctor by her parents.

Sirens to Toot Friday in Civil Defense Check

Civil Defense sirens throughout Los Angeles County will be put through their regular monthly test at 10 tomorrow morning, according to Henry S. Eaton, coordinator, Region 1, California Disaster Office.

The County of Los Angeles will test its sirens following the usual pattern of one minute steady blast, one minute warbling sound, it was stated by Robert Anderson, County Civil Defense Director.

Regular monthly siren test are held, Eaton explained, to make sure that all civil defense sirens are kept in peak mechanical condition and ready for instant use in the event of real disaster.



JOIN SEARCH . . . Torrance Police Officers Frank Solis (left) and Ken Halbert are shown checking the map showing the area in which they took part in the search for the killer of two El Segundo policemen. More than 600 officers joined in the house-to-house search in the Manhattan Beach area after a woman reported seeing a man answering the description of the suspect.

Torrance Officers Donate Funds to Police Widows

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When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the suspect dropped some pennies on the floor and while the clerk bent to pick up the change, the suspect grabbed the bills in the open cash drawer and fled.

Rivets Reports

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'Ranchero Days' Activities Start

Residents of Torrance will be whooping it up this week end as the city observes its first annual Ranchero Days celebration.

Festivities got underway yesterday at the Civic Center, with an industrial exhibit tent, midway, booths, games, military exhibits, thrill rides, and continuous musical entertainment from 6 to 11 p.m. The same schedule will be followed today.

City-wide swimming championships for children will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Torrance Municipal Plunge. At 9 p.m. at the pool, a free aquacade will be held at the plunge.

Tours of the civic center buildings will be conducted from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, with all exhibits and the midway, rides, and booths open from 6 to 11 p.m.

More information about "Ranchero Days" can be found on page 23 of today's HERALD.

On Saturday, what Lt. D. C. Cook, direction, promises will be the largest and most colorful parade in the city's history will be held, starting at 10:30 a.m. It will start at Cabrillo and Carson, travel northeast to Sartori to Torrance Blvd., and travel west on Torrance Blvd. to the civic center. The reviewing stand will be located just north of Maple Ave.

Tours of the civic center will be conducted from 12 to 4 p.m., with all midway rides and booths open from noon to midnight. A world championship rodeo will be held at the civic center starting at 2 p.m.

The new "Miss Torrance" will be crowned in ceremonies in the industrial display tent Saturday at 8 p.m.

A rodeo dance will be held at the American Legion hall from 9 to 11 with Western and popular music.

On Sunday, all midway events will be open from noon to 10 p.m. and the second day of the rodeo will start at 2 p.m.

Military exhibits, including the Lucky Lady II, first plane to fly non-stop around the world, a 48-foot replica of an Essex-class aircraft carrier, and other exhibits, will be on display Wednesday and Thursday nights only.

Residents of Torrance are invited to stop by any of the local fire stations Friday and Saturday to inspect not only the stations but the fire fighting equipment.

Fire Chief J. J. Benner has announced open house will be held Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 12 noon until 4 p.m. in connection with the city-wide celebration of "Ranchero Days."

Guided tours will be given at each of the following stations: Crenshaw and Carson St.; 3774 242nd St.; in WALTERIA; 3610 174th St.; and 5205 Calle Mayor in Hollywood Riviera.

Popular Comics, Puzzle Continue In Herald Today

Some of America's favorite comic strips can be found in today's HERALD.

Starting last Sunday, Superman, Rivets, Red Ryder and Virgil became regular features in the Thursday and Sunday editions.

To make the readers even more satisfied, a top-notch crossword puzzle has been added.

Comics can be found on Page 21, while the crossword puzzle is on Page 36.

The continuing comic strips will be published twice weekly and readers are urged to make these new features a reading must.

Recreation, Airport Bond Election Set in October

Torrance voters will be asked to approve \$3 million in recreation bonds and \$1 million in airport bonds at a special election this October.

The action was taken by the City Council Tuesday night, after City Manager George Stevens presented outlines of proposed developments of parks and the airport.

Councilman Willys Blount termed the report on recreation by the city manager "far better than the one we just spent \$6000 for recently."

The motion provided for an issue "not to exceed \$3 mil-

lion" to purchase new park sites and improve existing park sites.

Stevens presented a map showing parcels of land which the city would like to acquire. They included 40 acres in the WALTERIA Lake area, 25 acres between Crenshaw and Arlington Ave., 15 acres north of the Civic Center, 13 acres near 177th and Gramercy, 13 acres on Madison St. south of Short St. five to 10 acres in the Kettler Knolls area, five acres just south of Carr School, five acres near 166th and Arling-

ton, and several lots adjoining McMaster Park.

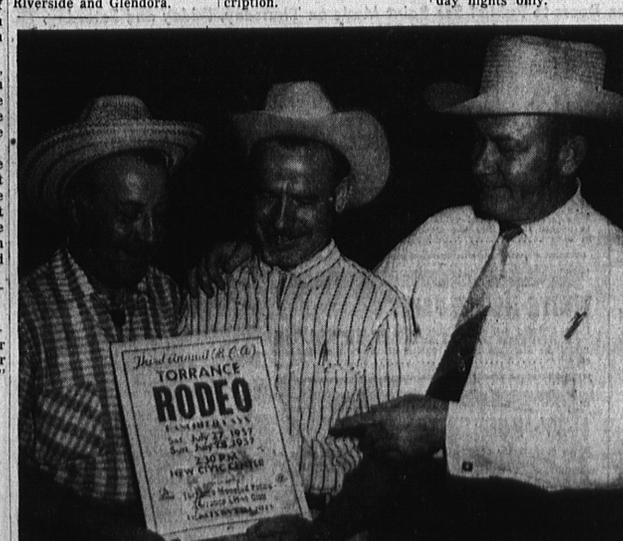
According to Stevens, the airport bond issue would cost the taxpayer no money, but would be paid out of aviation revenues.

The airport money would go primarily for purchase of land at the west end of the airport.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration will act in October to recommend airports for the federal aid program. Torrance's voters will have made their decision before then, with the local field having a high priority to get the federal aid, Stevens said.



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WILD WESTERNERS . . . Bearded members of the Torrance Lions Club reminded local residents that a rodeo will be held in connection with Ranchero Days this Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Civic Center. Shown are Abe Robinson, Dr. Rollin Smith and Charley Gots.